

# SENATE BILL No. 157

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 14-8-2-279.5; IC 14-25-17.

**Synopsis:** Great Lakes task force. Establishes the Great Lakes conservation and quality task force. Requires the task force to review and discuss various topics related to the supply and quality of water in the Great Lakes.

**Effective:** July 1, 2011.

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January 5, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Energy and Environmental Affairs.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 14-8-2-279.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.83-2009,
- 2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 279.5. "Task force", for purposes of:
- 4 (1) IC 14-25-14, has the meaning set forth in IC 14-25-14-1; ~~and~~
- 5 (2) IC 14-25-16, has the meaning set forth in IC 14-25-16-1; **and**
- 6 **(3) IC 14-25-17, has the meaning set forth in IC 14-25-17-1.**
- 7 SECTION 2. IC 14-25-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 8 AS A **NEW CHAPTER** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 9 JULY 1, 2011]:
- 10 **Chapter 17. Great Lakes Conservation and Quality Task Force**
- 11 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the Great**
- 12 **Lakes conservation and quality task force established by section 2**
- 13 **of this chapter.**
- 14 **Sec. 2. (a) The Great Lakes conservation and quality task force**
- 15 **is established.**
- 16 **(b) The task force consists of the following members:**
- 17 **(1) Four (4) members of the senate appointed by the president**



1           pro tempore of the senate with advice from the minority  
 2           leader of the senate. Not more than two (2) members may be  
 3           from the same political party.  
 4           (2) Four (4) members of the house of representatives  
 5           appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives with  
 6           advice from the minority leader of the house of  
 7           representatives. Not more than two (2) members may be from  
 8           the same political party.  
 9           (3) One (1) member appointed by the governor.  
 10          (4) The director of the department of environmental  
 11          management or the director's designee.  
 12          (5) The director of the department of natural resources or the  
 13          director's designee.  
 14          (6) One (1) member representing an environmental or  
 15          conservation organization that is organized for the purpose of  
 16          protecting and preserving the Great Lakes.  
 17          (c) The chairman of the legislative council shall annually  
 18          appoint the chairperson of the task force.  
 19          Sec. 3. The task force shall meet at the call of the chairperson.  
 20          However, the task force shall meet at least once each calendar  
 21          quarter.  
 22          Sec. 4. At least seven (7) affirmative votes are necessary for the  
 23          task force to take any official action.  
 24          Sec. 5. The task force shall review and discuss various topics  
 25          related to the supply and quality of water in the Great Lakes and  
 26          the Great Lakes watershed, including:  
 27                  (1) the availability of federal funds for projects related to  
 28                  water quality and supply;  
 29                  (2) the extent of water consumption and use from the Great  
 30                  Lakes, including the Great Lakes watershed;  
 31                  (3) levels of water pollution and the sources affecting water  
 32                  quality of the Great Lakes, including the Great Lakes  
 33                  watershed;  
 34                  (4) the impact of water quality and supply issues on  
 35                  recreational activities and natural habitats;  
 36                  (5) the impact of invasive species on the Great Lakes and the  
 37                  Great Lakes watershed ecosystem; and  
 38                  (6) current laws and regulations affecting the Great Lakes,  
 39                  including the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin Water  
 40                  Resources Compact (IC14-25-15).  
 41          Sec. 6. The department of natural resources shall, with the  
 42          assistance of the department of environmental management,

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1 provide staff and support for the task force and is responsible for  
2 the administration of the task force.

3 Sec. 7. The members of the task force shall serve without  
4 compensation.

5 Sec. 8. Any reports prepared by the task force must be  
6 submitted to the general assembly in an electronic format under  
7 IC 5-14-6.

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